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1. JOHN MAINWARING NOT YET CERTAIN HE WILL ATTEND APRIL 24-29 WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE MEETING. IF HE DOES NOT ATTEND, CANADIAN MISSION REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA WILL ATTEND. HE SAID THAT THE WORKING GROUP "IN GENERAL" SUPPORTS THE IMEC PROPOSAL BUT DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DISCUSS IT IN DETAIL DURING ITS LAST WORKING PARTY MEETING. (IT IS THE LABATT'S UNDERSTANDING FROM MAINWARING'S COMMENTS THAT THE G-77 HAS OFFERED REVISIONS OF THE IMEC PROPOSALS WHICH IMEC IS NOW STUDYING.)

2. MAINWARING WANTED TO GO ON RECORD AS PREFERRING THE USE OF THE REGULAR ILO MACHINERY IN EVERY SITUATION CONCERNING DUE PROCESS. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HIS PREFERENCES CONFLICT WITH THE REALITY OF THE PRESENT DAY WORLD. SPECIFICALLY, REGARDING PARAGRAPH 6 OF SECTION 2 OF REFTTEL, HE SAID THAT
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IT APPEARS ALRIGHT IN PRINCIPLE. HE FELT IT UNLIKELY THAT A COUNTRY UNDER DISCUSSION WOULD BE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN BUT HE WILL THINK ABOUT IT SOME MORE.

3. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 7, HE SAID THAT THE WORKING GROUP DEALT WITH ARTICLE 2 BUT EVIDENTLY DID NOT DEAL WITH IT THOROUGHLY, AS EVIDENCED IN SUBPARAGRAPH 5. HE AGREED

THAT "SOMETHING BROADER" THAN THE WORD "CONDEMN" IS NEEDED
AND THAT HE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES.

4. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 8, HIS RECOLLECTION IS THAT THE
WORKING GROUP WAS UNDECIDED, "STILL THINKING ABOUT IT"
AND THAT IT NEEDED MORE WORK.

5. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 9, MAINWARING HAS NO OBJECTION.

6. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 10, HE THINKS SITUATION COULD
PRESENT ITSELF WHERE "WE" WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER THE
SITUATION AS URGENT, AND IF THE DECISION HAD TO BE UNANI-
MOUS BY THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, "WE" COULDN'T GET SUCH A
DECISION WITH ONE UNFRIENDLY MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE.

7. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 11, HE SYMPATHIZES WITH THRUST OF
US SUGGESTION BUT WANTS TO EXAMINE IT FURTHER.

8. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 12, HE IS "GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC"
BUT IS NOT SURE THAT IT IS NECESSARY.

9. IN CONCLUSION, MAINWARING IS PLEASED WITH US CONTINUED
INTEREST IN DETAILS OF ILO OPERATION. ENDERS

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